

Fourth Sunday in the Season of Creation

September 27, 2026

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STOL:LO NATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL AS WE SEEK TO JOURNEY TOWARDS A MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.

Liturgy: Matins

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

Thanksgiving, Lament and Absolution

P: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.
And God called them good.

C: **Come Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.**

P: The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple,
and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.

C: **Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.**

P: Jesus cried out,
“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me...
Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”

C: **Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.**

P: Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for your love in all creation,
and especially for your gift of water to sustain and cleanse all life.
But we also lament that we have neglected this gift, and taken the
waters for granted.

P: Rivers run polluted.

C: **Oceans choke with plastic.
Marine life disappears from warming seas.
Coral reefs fade and fisheries collapse.**

P: The seas rise and swallow coasts.

C: **Storms grow stronger.
Floods destroy homes.
Drought cracks the Earth and children thirst.**

P: We confess that we have not guarded your waters.

C: **We have consumed water without restraint.
We have polluted what you called good.
We have forgotten that the river of life flows from your throne.**

P: Forgive us and convert our hearts O God.

C: **Forgive us and convert our hearts O God.**

P: Where we have treated water as a commodity,

C: **teach us to receive it as a sacred gift.**

P: Where we have consumed without thought,
C: teach us simplicity.

P: Where we have used water without reverence,
C: teach us to protect it as a gift entrusted to every generation.

P: Where we have been silent and tolerant of injustice
C: make us courageous protectors and advocates of all waters.

P: God's mercy flows like living water. So hear the good news:
 God knows you,
 forgives you by the self-giving of † Jesus Christ,
 and frees you to love the world as you have been loved.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song In the Shadows of the Forest



1. In the sha - dows of the for - est grows a ten - der sprout - ing tree, not a -
 2. While the sap - lings reach - ing high - er will com - pete to find the light, they all
 3. Hid - den deep be - neath the sur - face of the earth - en floor be - low, man - y
 4. Ev' - ry crea - ture of the for - est from the squir - rel to the bear, birds that
 5. Might - y for - ests, wav - ing grass - lands, plants that bear the food we need, each a

lone but in the con - text of a whole com - mun - i - ty, shar - ing
 have a com - mon pur - pose, sib - lings joined to share the fight. In the
 roots in - ter - con - nect - ed all en - sure the trees will grow. Like - wise,
 nest high in the branch - es, fly - ing swift - ly through the air, in the
 won - der of cre - a - tion from a germ - i - na - ting seed. Teem - ing

roots in fer - tile soil _____ and a com - mon his - tor - ry not so
 shade of larg - er branch - es they must sum - mon all their might. For to
 we to - geth - er shar - ing faith un fold ing, part - ially known. May our
 mea - dows and the prair - ies ev' - ry deer and moose and hare is a
 life is all a - round us, flocks and herds with thund' ring speed, spo ken

diff' - rent from the neigh - bor - hood that nur - tures you and me.
 geth - er they are grow ing ev' - ry day and ev' - ry night.
 love, com - pas - sion, flour - ish, blos - som from the seeds we sow.
 gift of God's cre - a - tion and a sign of ho - ly care.
 word be - came in - car - nate, liv - ing mes - sage we will heed.

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Greeting

P: God, maker of the day, be with us;
God, raiser of Jesus, raise a new day among us.
God, giver of the Spirit, light our lives!

C: Amen

Rise Up and Sing

(Leader) O God o - pen my lips (All) And my
mouth will de - clare your praise
Rise up and sing Bring in the morn - ing Dawn is a born - ing
Day has be - gun Raise the glad sound A - round us is
break - ing Skies that are wak - ing Light of the sun

Rise up good friends now is the hour
Sunlight will shower hope for the day
Rise from your sleep and keep your dreams with you
Let the light kiss you soft' on your way.

Rise with the world curled up awaiting
End to the hating, day full of grace
Rise up in song, the long night is ending
Now God is sending peace to this place.

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Children's Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9



L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: **Refrain**

L: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

C: **Refrain**

L: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord.

C: Refrain

L: Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation**ELW # 172 - Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score consists of three systems of two staves each. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is in a simple, folk-like style with a mix of eighth and quarter notes, and some rests.

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P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Text: Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the

kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day O God, You Have the Power (Tune # 654 - The Church's One Foundation)

O God, you have the power to bring back what is yours —
to bring life's joy and wonder to toxic, lifeless shores.
Where earth has been depleted, where nothing seems to grow,
we've seen you cleanse and nurture till blessings overflow.

Ezekiel had a vision of hopeful signs like these —
of waters bringing healing — and fish, and plants, and trees.
He dreamed of Living Water that flowed at your command —
that spread out like a river upon your thirsty land.

When we pollute your rivers and drain your wetlands dry,
when we cause harm to waters, we see creation cry.
And yet Ezekiel's vision reminds us once again:
Your will is restoration. Your waters sing, "Amen!"

O God, in your creation, we see your strength and care.
Clean water is a blessing! May this become our prayer:
Your will is restoration. You seek to make things new.
Give us new dedication to heal the earth with you.

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Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, seen in the suffering one,
the poor one, the malnourished one,
the climate refugee - who loves and cares for this world
and suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.**

And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition, the pastor will say "Creator God," and the congregation will respond "**hear our prayer.**"*

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ that encompasses the whole creation be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

Meal

<i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ</i>

Offering and Offering Prayer

Lament

P: The sin of racism hurts communities of colour, fractures human relationships, and denies God's good creation. Lament is a way for us to recognize the harm caused by racism.

As members of one body in Christ we are called to act with equity, fairness, and justice.

But within the whole human family, Indigenous people have experienced both interpersonal aggression and structural oppression instead of abundant life.

We recognize and lament the harm racism has caused to the First Nations people of Canada.

We cry out to you,

C: **hear our lament, O God.**

P: We have assigned the notion of race to human beings created in God's own divine image.

We have judged the ways of Indigenous people by our flawed and artificial standards.

We cry out to you,

C: **hear our lament, O God.**

P: We have accepted practices in our churches and in our society that privilege whiteness over diversity and equity. We have been complicit in how racism continues to exclude and harm First Nations people.

We cry out to you,

C: **hear our lament, O God.**

P: As we bring to mind people who were harmed by residential schools,

(pause for reflection)

we call to you,

C: **open our hearts, O God.**

P: As we reflect on our daily interactions with First Nations people and communities,

(pause for reflection)

we call to you,

C: **open our hearts, O God.**

P: As we reconsider what we have been taught about Indigenous people and culture,

(pause for reflection)

we call to you,

C: open our hearts, O God.

P: As we contemplate what we have done and what we have left undone,
(pause for reflection)

we call to you,

C: open our hearts, O God.

P: As we think about what it means to create a loving and safe community for all who Call this land home,
(pause for reflection)

we call to you,

C: open our hearts, O God.

P: God's saving love calls and leads us toward rooting out the racism that continues to infect the body.
God's grace in Christ frees us for the difficult work of acknowledging truth and embracing reconciliation.
Let us pray,

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the day when your justice will roll down like waters,
and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Replenish our strength and bolster our resolve to seek a new relationship with all First Nations people.
And come to us now in this holy sacrament.

Feed us that we might walk in ways of justice and righteousness.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

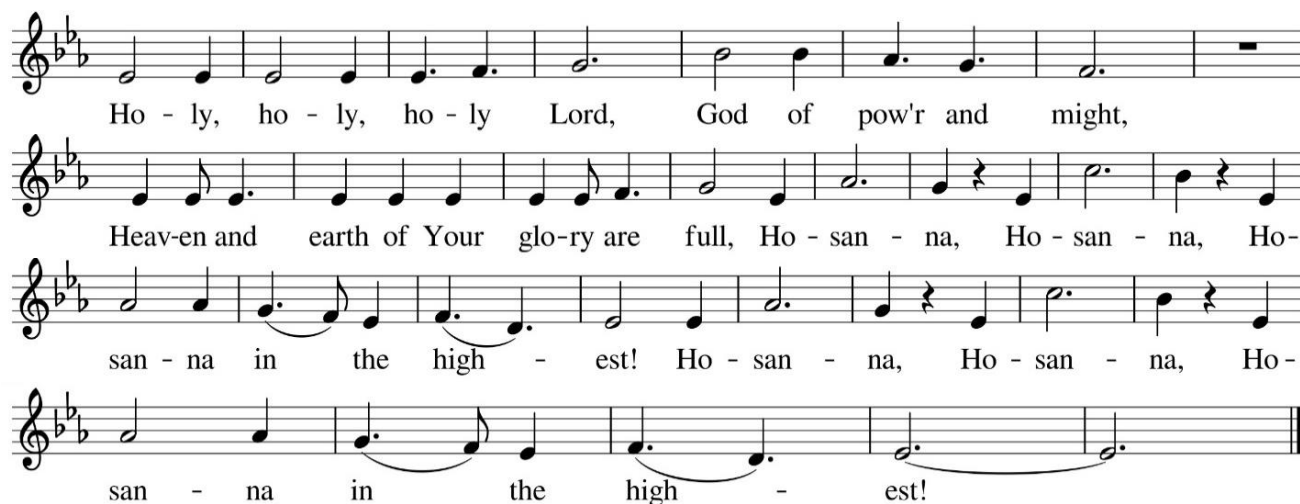
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

The pastor continues, concluding...

we praise your name and join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav-en and earth of Your glo-ry are full, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho -
san-na in the high - est! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!



Thanksgiving at the Table

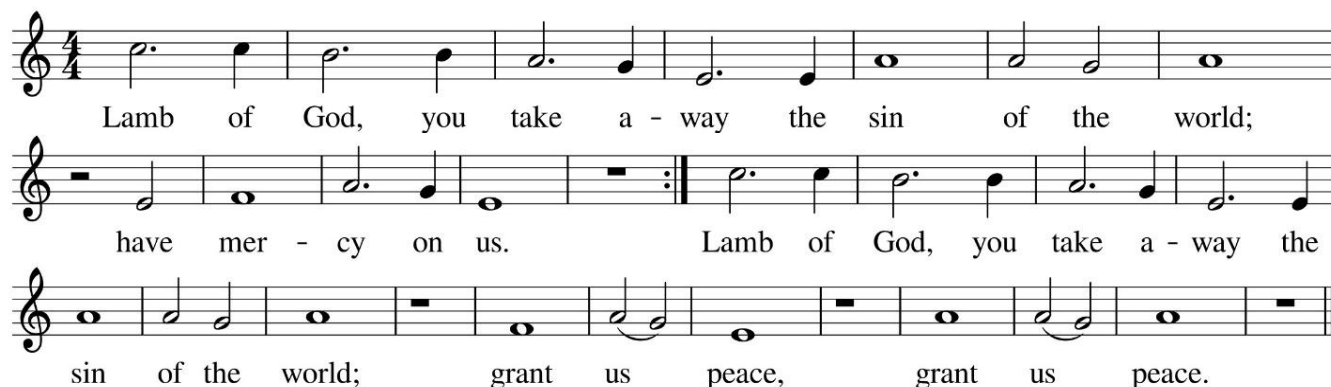
The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God



Communion is distributed

Directions for Communion: All are invited to this meal of grace, including children. At the Usher's direction, you are invited to advance to the communion rail through the centre aisle, commune in groups, and exit back to

your pews through the window aisles, depositing your used wine/juice vessel in the repository tray at the head of each window aisle. Wine is located in the two outer rings of the tray and the grape juice in the two centre rings. We also have a gluten-free option for bread, and the common cup for wine. Please note your preference at the time of serving. If you would prefer to receive communion in your pew once all have come forward, please raise your hand and the servers will come to you.

Songs Sung During Communion:

ACS # 1084 - God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

ELW # 462 - Now We Join in Celebration

ELW # 456 - Baptized in Water

ACS # 993 - God Is Here Today (chant)

Blessing and Prayer after Communion

Who Are We

Refrain:

Who are we that you would love us Who are we that you would

o-ther to love and hold and try to un-der-stand Who are

Verse 1 & 2:

1. we be-neath the hea-yens 'Neath the stars and all the
2. we a-mong the crea-tures Some that crawl some wing-ing

mys-ter-ies a-far Who are we up-on an earth so rich for growing
swift-ly thru the sky Some that swim and some that walk up on their two feet

Can you tell us who we real-ly are why Who are
Who are we and can you tell us why Who are

Verse 3:

stand Bless the Lord that you would love us Bless the

Lord that you would hold us in your hand Bless the



Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Sending Blessing

- P: Go now as people entrusted with God's good creation.
- C: **We go in gratitude for the gift of creation,
and in humility for the ways we have harmed it.**
- P: Care for the soil beneath your feet,
the water that gives life,
the air you breathe,
and every creature with whom you share this world.
- C: **We will seek to live gently,
to use wisely,
to restore what has been damaged,
and to protect those most affected by environmental injustice.**
- P: Let your choices reflect God's love.
- C: **With God's help, we will work for healing,
justice, and renewal throughout the earth.**
- P: May Creator God bless you and keep you.
Creating Christ ✝ shine through you
with grace and mercy.
Creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace.
- C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn -- ELW # 879 For the Beauty of the Earth

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace, as people of God made new
through the waters of baptism.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements
September 20, 2026

(To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select *Open Hyperlink or Control-Click*)

Flowers are placed on the altar in repentance for the way we dishonour God and the grace that is extended to us, by not extending the same grace to others whom God loves, today remembering those of First Nations descent. Transform us, Lord, into Living Water, so that we may truly be caregivers and lovers of ALL that you have made.

Orange Shirt Day: This coming **Wednesday, September 30** marks *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation* and Orange Shirt Day. We encourage everyone to mark this day in some way. Perhaps with a prayer for the First Nations people of our country, or some opportunity to engage in education around the Truth and Reconciliation journey. We will explore some of these themes at our *Sip with the Spirit* event in the evening. You may also want to access resources by clicking [here](#) or visiting the website for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation by [clicking here](#).

Thank You!: We extend a sincere **Thank You** to Cara Wills, who has agreed to help out in the office while Sherry is on holidays. We appreciate your willingness to help out and support our Pastor and our ministries.

Thank You!: We extend a sincere **Thank You** to all who came out yesterday morning to help us shine up our church. We got a lot accomplished and the church and our yard look great! There are still a couple of things that didn't get done, so if anyone still has an interest in helping out, please speak to David to see if any of the remaining tasks speak to you! Thanks for your consideration 😊

TODAY: Reader's Workshop: We will be offering a Reader's Workshop about 10-15 minutes following the service today (long enough for you to grab a coffee & a cookie and reconvene in the Sanctuary). All current volunteer readers and those interested in participating are invited to attend. It is anticipated this will be a short time commitment (approximately 30 minutes).

CALLING ALL LADIES OF GOOD SHEPHERD! Once again, we are planning another luncheon, for [this coming Tuesday, September 29th, at 12:00](#). It will be held at the Coquitlam Grill, at 2635 Barnet Highway. Please let Linda Berry know if you are able to come or if you need a ride (604-937-7349). We always have a great time and it is a good chance to visit with each other. We hope you will join us!

Coquitlam Power Outage Scheduled for Wednesday, September 30th: Due to a scheduled power outage on September 30th, the church office will be closed and our Wednesday Prayer Gathering at 1:30 over Zoom will be cancelled. (You are encouraged to pray by yourself knowing you are never alone & God hears your prayers 😊)

Sip with the Spirit: Our Next *Sip with the Spirit* has been scheduled for **Wednesday, September 30th at 7 pm**. It will be hosted at the home of Pastor Eric and Heather. BYOBeverage & join in on the fellowship and spirit-led conversation.

Next Sunday: Prayer Walk around Como Lake: Next Sunday after the church service, all are welcome to meet at the Como Lake Parking Lot, where we will gather together, and then process around Como Lake for a meditative prayer walk and outdoor fellowship.

SEASON OF CREATION ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Please take note of the following ways to participate in the year's Season of Creation:

- Creation is our Theme for Worship Sundays from September 6 to October 4
- Plan an earth-friendly way to get to church, like walking, biking, car-pooling, transit etc.
- **You are invited to Creation Movie, Dinner & Discussion Evening – Wednesday September 23rd at 6 pm.**
- Help us meet our Friends of Creation goal, by donating [here](#) to our Lake Chad Challenge page.
- We'll be holding a Prayer Walk around Como Lake after worship on Sunday, October 4th.
- Consider signing the Global Plastics Treaty here: <https://action.earthday.org/global-plastics-treaty>

Talitha Koum Fundraising Gala: All are invited to attend Talitha Koum's annual fundraising Gala on **Saturday, October 3 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish Hall at 6:30 pm.** See the poster that follows for all the details, including ticket price.

Free Movie: The Road Forward: Como Lake United Church is showing the film "The Road Forward" on **Thursday, October 15 at 7:30 pm.** It is described as a powerful, musical documentary tracing the history of First Nations Activism and the ongoing struggle for Indigenous Rights. Free admission. All are welcome. See the poster that follows.

National Worship Service to Celebrate the ELCIC's 40th Anniversary: All members of the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#) are invited to gather for a special national worship service on Sunday, October 25 led by Nation Bishop Larry Kochendorfer. The service will be livestreamed. To read the full news article, please [click here](#).

'Seriously Cereal': With school beginning, kids need a good start to the day with food in their bellies. Please consider dropping off a box of cereal (or instant oatmeal packets) to help fill this need for children, families, and also for seniors. Statistics show that today, one in three Foodbank visitors is a child--- hungry for nourishment, hope and a better future. There is a bin in the Narthex for this purpose.

With Gratitude, from Your Outreach Team

Something of note: The SHARE Foodbank is now accredited through Foodbanks Canada's *Standard of Excellence Program!*

Langley Christmas Choir: All are invited to join the Langley Christmas Choir, a community choir directed by Gail Suderman, who is the Music Director at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Langley. For more information and to register click [here](#).

Job Opportunity – Youth Minister: ignyte, the joint youth ministry of Good Shepherd and St. Laurence Anglican, is looking to hire a new leader. This is a role for someone who loves working with young people, thrives on genuine relationships, and is ready to build something meaningful in partnership with a community poised for growth. To see more details, click on the ignYte page on our website [here](#).

This Coming Tuesday: Lutheran Manor Society – Notice of Special General Meeting: The Board of Lutheran Manor Society has called a Special General Meeting for **Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 7:00 PM** over Zoom. See the notice that follows for all the details.

Seeking Accommodation: Yvon Malenfant and Michelle Ryu are seeking temporary housing. If you have any, or know of any, please let them know. Yvon writes:

We are looking for temporary housing for the interim. 1 bedroom with a bathroom would be great! Something not too expensive. Let us know if you have anything. Thank you for your kind consideration. Yvon & Michelle: 778-862-5240 Y / 778-863-5240 M

'Every Square Foot Counts' – Educational Opportunities for Congregations:

- This month's blog post is "**What the Quiet Season Is Asking of Us**" which invites congregations to reflect on how their buildings and land they sit on are seen and understood by their neighbourhoods. Read the full blog [here](#).

ignYte Return it Express Account: You're invited to support our ignYte Youth Ministry with your recyclables. See the instructions on the bulletin board.



ITEMS FROM THE ELCIC NATIONAL OFFICE:

- **National Church Council Meeting Highlights:** Highlights of the most recent National Church Council Meeting can be found [here](#).
- **Grace At The Table...Two Stories, Two Journeys - October 4:** You are invited to an online event organized by the ELCIC on Sunday, October 4 at 3 pm. Through our guests' individual journeys, we will hear about living with chronic illness, navigating blindness, discovering purpose, and allowing for greater inclusion and accessibility. To register for this event, please [click here](#).
- **Luther League Legacy Fund – Call for Applications:** If you are 30 years of age or under, and looking to be involved in a leadership development opportunity or looking to plan a project that would benefit people 30 years of age and under, please check out our application guidelines when you click [here](#). Deadline for applications is fast approaching on October 1, 2026.
- **Bishop Larry's Pastoral Letter on Season of Creation**
- **Messages and Statements from the National Bishop:** Stay informed and connection when you click [here](#).
- **Resources from the National Office for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA):** Click [here](#) for resources

GREATER CHURCH NEWS

- **World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel:** The World Council of Churches (WCC) has designated September 20-26 as World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel. Read the full article when you [click here](#).
- **CCC Invitation to join a Reading & Discussion Group this fall:** The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC) invites you to join a small-group reading experience of Pope Leo XIV's encyclical, ***Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity)***. To join a BC Reading Group over Zoom or to learn more, click [here](#).
- **Monthly Reflections on Climate Justice:** The Task Force on Carbon Neutrality provides monthly reflections on climate justice to encourage engagement, share resources and call for prayer, reflection and learning. *Biblical Passages Related to Climate Change and Carbon Neutrality* and *Community Focused Environmental Stewardship* are monthly reflections that you can read today by [clicking here](#).

JUSTICE UPDATES

- **Free Resources for Truth and Reconciliation Week: September 21-26:** To learn more and to access and prepared by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) click [here](#).

A gentle reminder that in consideration of those who have severe sensitivities and allergies, the church has been designated a fragrance-free zone. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

- This Sunday Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:30 am
Fourth Sunday in the Season of Creation worship service with Holy Communion
at 10:30 am. ([View live-stream here](#)), followed by...
Reader's Workshop (10 minutes after the service ends)
- Tuesday *Woodworking and Crafters Group* at 10 am
Ladies Lunch at Coquitlam Grill at noon
- Wednesday *Prayer Gathering* at 1:30 over Zoom **CANCELLED (by scheduled Power Outage)**
Sip With the Spirit at 7 pm at the home of Pastor Eric and Heather
- Friday ignYte at 7pm
- Next Sunday Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:30 am
Fifth Sunday in the Season of Creation worship service with Holy Communion
and Sunday School at 10:30 am. ([View live-stream here](#)), followed by...
Prayer Walk around Como Lake (shortly after the service ends)

Note: Most events are in-person events except those noted "on Zoom" or "Online". The links to these online events are accessible through our website [here](#). Our Sunday morning worship service is offered in-person, live-streamed and via on-line recording posted to our website shortly after the service is over, unless otherwise noted.

Last Week at Church

<u>Financial Information for:</u>	<u>September 20th</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 6,901.00
General	\$ 5,826.00
<u>Designated Gifts:</u>	
- Property Fund	\$ 500.00
- Administration	\$ 450.00
- CLWR (Lake Chad)	\$ 100.00
- Good Shepherd Women	\$ 25.00



Friends of Creation *Milestones*

Stay tuned each week,
and watch our donations
grow here!!

Our Friends of Creation journey so far

- ☒ Climate + Water
- ☐ Climate + Food
- ☐ Climate + Economy
- ☐ Climate + Peace
- ☒ Put faith in action *yes!*
- ☐ Reached goal
towards _____ acres!

\$ 5,000.00 !

\$3,750.00

\$2,500.00

\$1,250.00

At Sept 21
\$2,300!



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Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC

Notice of Special General Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC calls a Special General Meeting for **Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 7:00 PM**. The mode of meeting will be hybrid: both in-person at 375 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver, and by Zoom.

Per the Society's Bylaws, all members of ELCIC-BC Synod congregations and all members of parishes of the Anglican Church of Canada in British Columbia are eligible to become members of the Society by registering for and attending the AGM.

The purpose of the Special General Meeting is to approve the Society's Audited Financial Statements for the 2025 Fiscal Year and appoint the auditor for the 2026 Fiscal Year.

The Board welcomes everyone to attend in person in the facilities located at 375 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver, or by Zoom. To attend by Zoom and to obtain the link, please register by contacting Chair Stephanie Oldford, at stephanie.oldford@gmail.com no later than Noon on Monday, September 28, 2026.

On behalf of the Board,
Stephanie Oldford, Chair

Invitation from Talitha Koum

Talitha Koum now operates four addiction recovery homes for women in Coquitlam, providing a safe, nurturing environment for up to 30 women, or women and their children, as they journey toward healing. Our spiritually rich, 12step recovery model emphasizes connection—with self, family, and community—and offers women the stability they need to rebuild their lives.

While government funding covers only half of our operating expenses, generous donors like you make the rest possible. Your support of the Gala directly helps provide safe housing, compassionate programming, and hope to women who need it most.

Whether you choose to attend, donate, or support the event in another way, your involvement makes a meaningful difference in the lives of women and families in our community.

Tickets can be purchased by clicking on [TK Gala 2026](#). We look forward to see you there!



Talitha Koum Society's Journey of Hope

FUNDRAISING GALA 2026

6:30pm, Saturday, October 3, 2026

St. Clare of Assisi Parish Hall

\$85 per person (\$25 tax receipt), or
\$640 for a Table of 8 (\$160 tax receipt)

Enjoy a delicious dinner by Pasta Polo, live performance by the talented Dani Black, a carefully curated silent auction, an entertaining game of chance, and be inspired by Voices of Recovery, a panel discussion featuring residents and graduates of Talitha Koum Society.



THE ROAD FORWARD

A film by Marie Clements

2017 • 101 min

*A powerful musical documentary tracing the history of
First Nations activism and the ongoing struggle for Indigenous rights.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 • 7:30 PM



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535 Marmont Street, Coquitlam

FREE ADMISSION • EVERYONE WELCOME

Free parking available

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Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

We always recommend phoning before stopping by as times subject to change.



Good Shepherd
Website

